Scheme for technical textiles

2446. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have decided to run during the Eleventh Plan period the scheme for the development and growth of technical textiles at an outlay of Rs. 96 crore to promote indigenous manufacture of technical textiles;

(b) whether the scheme would also provide infrastructure support by setting up centres of excellence for manufacturer of technical textiles;

(c) whether the Centrally sponsored financial assistance scheme for the textile sector were being extended to technical textiles; and

(d) if so, to what extent this scheme has benefited the textile industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): On the recommendation of the Working Group constituted by the Planning Commission for the Eleventh Five Year Plan on Textile and Jute industry the Government has proposed a scheme for the development and growth of technical textiles which is in the process of being approved by the Competent Authority.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir. The Technical Textiles industry is also covered under the centrally sponsored financial assistance schemes like Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) and Scheme for Integrated Textiles Park (SITP). The progress of technical textiles segment under TUFS from 01.04.1999 to 28.02.2007 is as follows:

(Rs. in crore)

Received			Sanctioned			Disbursed	
No. of Applications required	Project Cost	Amount of loan	No. of Applications	Project Cost	Amount	No. of Application	Amount
62	919.25	418.59	60	897.23	356.58	55	90.17

Reconstituted Jute Advisory Board

2447. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently reconstituted Jute Advisory Board (JAB);

(b) whether the majority of members of the Jute Advisory Board belongs to non-jute growing and product manufacturing States;

(c) if so, the reason for the same; and

(d) if not, the composition of the Jute Advisory Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The Jute Advisory Board has been reconstituted *vide* Order dated 14.5.2007 for a period of two years.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) At present, the Jute Advisory Board has 2 Government official members from non-jute growing States, 8 Government official members from jute growing States, 10 non-official members from jute growing States and 11 non-official members from non-jute growing States. Thus, out of the total 31 members of the Board, 18 are from jute growing States.

Revitalizing flood hit textile industry in Surat

2448. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that flood hit textile industry in Surat need repairing, replacement of the damaged looms and other machineries;

(b) if so, the amount required to revitalize the textile industry in Surat;

(c) whether Government have sanctioned the required amount; and

(d) if so, by when the industry is expected to be functioning in full swing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (d) Due to unprecedented rainfall, in the first week of August, 2006, the Gujarat State witnessed severe flood situation in allover the state. The Surat Region was the worst affected. A High-powered team of the Ministry of Textiles made an on the spot assessment of the damage to the flood affected textile industry. It was further decided to conduct a door to door survey of the flood affected units to have a proper assessment of losses of the textile industry. As per the survey conducted by the Office of the Textile Commissioner, Mumbai the textile units at Surat had suffered losses worth Rs. 753.74 crores damage to machinery, raw material, finished goods, building, furniture and finished products. Pursuant to this survey, Government approved a relief package for the textile industry in Surat which included Rs. 56 crores for calamity relief package and Rs. 21 crore for interest subsidy for working capital loans. The calamity relief package as approved is as follows:-

SI. No	Unit Details	Package
1	2	3
1.	Plain, semi-auto and automatic looms without jacquard	Rs. 6000/loom Plain,
2	semi-auto and automatic looms with jacquard	Rs.l20(X)/loom